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#### THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE

(Mr. QUIGLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, on January 21, 1990, over 300,000 Ukrainians joined hands to create a 300-mile human chain from Kiev to Lviv in a show of unity and support for Ukrainian independence. One year later, on August 24, 1991, Ukraine rose from under its Soviet yoke and declared its independence.

I stand here today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Ukraine's independence and to commend them on their many democratic achievements over the last two decades. Yet as we celebrate Ukraine's severing of its Soviet chains, we must be aware of new restraints, for new shackles in the form of press crackdowns and opposition intimidation threaten to re-ensnare Ukrainians and reverse their many hard-fought freedoms.

I have faith in the spirit of the Ukrainian people and hope they will join hands again, as they did 20 years ago, and continue to stand strong for freedom and democracy, knowing America will always be standing beside them.

As they say in Ukraine: Together we are many. We cannot be defeated.

#### HONORING CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER DAVID R. CARTER

(Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor a soldier who made the ultimate sacrifice and laid down his life for our freedom: U.S. Army Warrant Officer 4 David R. Carter.

Chief Warrant Officer Carter dedicated himself to over 24 years of military service. As a member of the Colorado Army National Guard, he deployed to Afghanistan this summer. On August 6, 2011, he was piloting a CH-47 helicopter on a mission to reinforce a unit under attack in Wardak province. On that tragic day, he was one of 30 Americans who lost their lives when their helicopter was brought down by enemy fire.

David Carter was regarded as one of the most highly trained aviators in Colorado, with multiple combat deployments and over 4,000 flight hours. He is also remembered for the tremendous impact he had on his family, friends, and community. Friends recall that he was never too busy to help out with a problem.

Chief Warrant Officer David Carter personified the honor and selflessness of service as a citizen soldier. His bravery and dedication to duty will not be forgotten.

As a Marine Corps combat veteran, my deepest sympathies go out to his family, fellow soldiers, and all who knew him.

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#### WORK TOGETHER TO PASS AMERICAN JOBS ACT

(Ms. HAHN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HAHN. Madam Speaker, the American people have waited too long for this Congress to put the focus where it belongs—on creating jobs and getting the Nation back to work. Now we must boldly make up for lost time. We need a plan as serious as the challenges we face. The American Jobs Act is that plan.

We will harness the industry and energy of the American people. We will give small businesses, the backbone of our economy, the incentives and assistance that they need to hire and to grow. We will put people to work building a transportation infrastructure worthy of the 21st century. We will stop teachers from being laid off and help end the outrage of our crumbling schools.

The American Jobs Act is good news for veterans, construction workers, teachers, firefighters, the long-term unemployed, and good news for all Americans who can look forward to a stronger economy and a more competitive Nation. Let's work together to pass this bill and get the American people the help they need and the support they deserve.

#### TIME TO GET AMERICA WORKING AGAIN

(Mr. BUCHANAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, there are 14 million Americans out of work. We have a record 30 straight months of unemployment at 8 percent or above—the longest stretch since the Great Depression. That's simply unacceptable. The President and the Congress must work together to grow the economy and create jobs. As a businessman for over 30 years, I have seen firsthand that the government does not create jobs. The private sector does. Small business does.

My jobs plan would expand overseas markets for U.S. goods and services, lower taxes on business, eliminate frivolous lawsuits, and abolish unnecessary regulation. We need to get our financial house back in order and move towards a constitutional balanced budget amendment. It's time we work together to get America back to work.

#### INVESTING IN CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

(Ms. TSONGAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, we need to put people back to work, and it is past time that this issue is finally getting the national attention necessary to get something done. As we work to finally enact a jobs plan, we should be investing not only in our workforce, but also in our future competitiveness, which is why we should invest in the next revolution—clean energy technologies. We export billions of dollars each year to import the energy that powers our country. If we can harness the power of clean, renewable energy, we will not only create high-paying jobs but we can begin to address the real threat of climate change as well.

By investing in clean energy technologies, such as wind and solar, we can begin to replace many of the manufacturing, construction, and high-tech jobs lost during the recession. We should take advantage of this unique opportunity to immediately create good jobs here in America while safeguarding the future of our children and grandchildren at the same time.

#### PRESIDENT'S SCORECARD ON JOBS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the Nation's unemployment rate is a gruesome 9.1 percent. This marks the largest period of high unemployment since the Great Depression. More than 14 million Americans are unemployed. More than 25 million Americans who want a full-time job don't have one. In today's Politico, Josh Boak reported that "Long-Term Jobless at 50-year Record." The State's front page revealed the Nation's poor have swelled to a sad record of 46.2 million people. The Democrat chairwoman says the President "owns" the economy.

The President's policies are sadly failing. He's on the wrong track, as evidenced in New York. He needs to change course with a bipartisan tax cut in the tradition of Presidents Kennedy and Reagan. The President's proposal for a second half-trillion dollar stimulus is a repeat of failure. Out-of-control borrowing and spending and the failed stimulus have aggravated unemployment. Tax increases destroy jobs. House Republicans will continue to lead bipartisan efforts of creating an environment for job creation that promotes small businesses.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

#### PASS THE AMERICAN JOBS ACT

(Mr. BUTTERFIELD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)